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A LETTER TO The Honorable *William Lenthal* Eſq; Speaker to the Honorable Houſe of Commons.

Concerning the

SVRRENDER OF Ruthin-Caſtle

To Colonel *Thomas Mitton*, Major General of NORTH-WALES.

Together with

THE ARTICLES

Concerning the ſame.

ORdered by the Commons aſſembled in Parliament, That this Letter *with the* Articles *be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.* H: Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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To the Honorable *William Lenthal* Eſq;
Speaker to the Honorable Houſe of Commons.

Honorable Sir,

THe Reducing of this Caſtle of *Ruthin* hath coſt me more time and Ammunition, then I expected when I firſt laid Siege to it: At laſt having a Mine almoſt in a readineſſe to ſpring, and Batteries prepared for a Demi-Canon and a Culverin to play upon it; It was this day agreed to be Surrendred upon the Conditions in the incloſed Articles, which I was willing to accept, having perfect Information by ſome that eſcaped out of the Caſtle, that there was in it Proviſion ſufficient for two moneths longer; which now I finde to be true: And if I ſhould have forced it, I muſt have hazarded many men, and made the place unſerviceable, which is of very great uſe to the Reducement of this Country, it being the moſt convenient place for a Garriſon in all *North-Wales*, as things now ſtands with us. Yeſterday before the break of day, a party of the Enemy out of *Denbigh* Caſtle, being about ſixſcore, and thirty mounted fire-locks, fell upon Captain *Richard Price* his Quarters, within two miles of this Town; but he was vigilant, and his Scouts performed their duty ſo well, that they were drawn into the

field before they came upon them, which gave him oppertunity to avoid them, and convey the Alarum to this Town; And thereupon Colonel *Carter* with a ſtanding Horſe-guard, which we are fain to keep in the field conſtantly to ſecure our Out quarters; and Captain *Simkies* with my own Troop, which was then upon the Guard in this Town, drew out and fell between them and *Denbigh*, and within half a mile of their Garriſon met with them, and charged them ſo gallantly, that they broke in upon them, killed ſeven of them (as is ſaid) upon the place; and in the purſuit, took four Captains, one Lieutenant, two Cornets, divers Troopers, and about fourty Horſe, with the loſſe of one man of our ſide. The Siege at *Hoult* hath of late been of great difficulty and hazard to thoſe few men I have there: For the drawing off of the Cheſhire Fire-locks from that Service, without any privity, gave the Enemy an advantage to burn the Guard the Firelocks kept (which coſt the Countrey much to fortifie) and above fourty dwelling Houſes more in the Town, and expoſed my men (who lay in open Quarters, and were fewer in number then the Enemy within were) to their power, which neceſſitated my men to be upon continual duty. Upon the firſt of *April* the Enemy ſallied out and fell upon Major *Sadlers* Quarters, reſolving to put all my men in that Houſe to the Sword, which they had been like to effect, had not a Guard which was placed in a Mount, erected by us three dayes before relieved them: In this ſtorm I loſt five men, and fourteen wounded; of the Enemy there were killed their Commander Captain *Cottingham* a Papiſt, a Lieutenant, and two more, and many wounded: There hath been never a day ſince, but they ſallied out conſtantly twice or thrice a day, and as conſtantly beaten

beaten in. This ſervice, and the furniſhing of ſuch Garriſons which are reduced, occaſions the expence of very much Powder and Match; and therefore, I humbly deſire, that the Honorable Houſe will be pleaſed to grant, that I may have a hundred Barrels of Powder, and four or five hundred Firelocks ſent me, and that ſome courſe may be preſcribed to convey it down ſpeedily; the carriage and Convoy of the laſt Powder I had, coſt above half as much as the Powder was worth. And further, that they will be pleaſed to appoint a Governor for this Caſtle, Lieutenant Colonel *Thomas Maſon*, is a very faithful active and godly Gentleman, and the moſt knowing man in his profeſſion that we have in theſe parts, having been a Souldier above twenty yeers, and loſt his command in *Ireland*, becauſe he refuſed to bear Arms againſt the Parliament: And if this place were worthy of him, I ſhould make bold to recommend him to their conſideration. This nevertheleſſe, I leave to their Wiſdoms to determine, and reſt

Your very humble Servant,

Ruthin the 8 of *April*. 1646.

THO. MITTON.

Articles

Articles agreed and concluded betwixt *Robert Fogge*, Chaplein to Colonel *Thomas Mitton*, Major General of *Northwales*, and Captain *Edward Thelwall*, Commiſsioners on the behalf of the ſaid Major General on the one party, and Lieutenant *John Reynolds*, Deputy Governour of the Caſtle of *Ruthin* on the other party.

1. IT is agreed and concluded by the parties above mentioned, That the Caſtle of *Ruthin* ſhall be Surrendred unto General *Mitton* aforeſaid, or his Aſsigns on Monday next by ten of the clock in the Forenoon, without any diſmantling, demoliſhing, or defacing the ſame, or any Works now made in or about the ſame.

2. That all the Ordnance, Arms, Ammunition, Proviſion, and Goods now in the Caſtle be

be left ſafe, and no way harmed (ſaving the particulars hereafter mentioned).

3. That the ſaid Deputy Governour ſhall march away quietly, and without moleſtation, with his Sword and one caſe of Piſtols, and ſix Gentlemen with him, and each of them his Sword.

4. That the reſt of the Souldiers and others (the Iriſh onely excepted) who are barred by the Ordinance of Parliament, to paſſe to their reſpective Habitations, or to *Conway* with a ſafe Conduct (they behaving themſelves civilly).

5. That the ſaid Deputy Governour take onely with him two Trunks, containing onely therein his wearing Apparel, and ſome few Clothes and Linnens of his Siſters; And that a Cart be provided for the carriage thereof.

6. That in the mean time there be a Ceſſation of Arms on both ſides, and no advantage taken by admitting any ſtrength of men or Ammunition into the ſaid Caſtle (other then the Hoſtages agreed upon by both parties;) And for the firm confirmation of the Premiſes, the

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parties to theſe preſents have interchangably ſet to their Hands this Eighth day of *April*, *Anno Domini*, 1646.

Robert Fogge.

I do conſent to what my Commiſsioners have agreed unto,

Edward Thelwal.

Tho: Mytton.

I alſo agree to the Articles above written,

John Reynolds.

FINIS.

U.C.C.
N.L.W.